

REMARKS

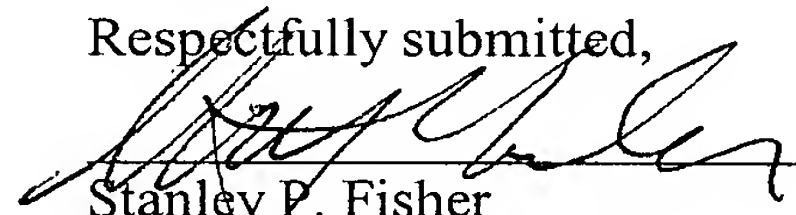
The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated June 25, 2003, the period for response to which will expire on July 25, 2003. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Species (4) Figure 26E: Claims 81-84 and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Applicants construe the differences among the species as: Species (1) Figures 7A-G: a semiconductor substrate without grooves cut on either sides; Species (2) Figures 14A-G: a semiconductor substrate cut with grooves on the rear side; Species (3) Figures 16A-G a semiconductor substrate cut with grooves on the front side; and Species (4) Figure 26E: a semiconductor substrate cut with grooves on both sides. Presently, no Figure is generic.

Species (4) Figure 26E: Claims 81-84 drawn to a semiconductor substrate cut with grooves on BOTH sides are provisionally elected in this application as construed above, while the other claims are withdrawn from further prosecution without prejudice. In particular, claims 81-84 are directed to a modification of Species (4), i.e., the Embodiment 23 (pages 101-102 of the specification) as depicted in Figs. 98(a) – 98(g) and 99. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application on any or all of the non-elected species.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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